and (c) by when the possession of the land and other information in this regard are likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) One representation from the widow of an ex-serviceman of Hoshiarpur district of Punjab was forwarded to the Home Ministry by the Hon'ble MP recently. The said representation was looked into and the position has been explained to the Member.

(c) Since the widow of the concerned ex-serviceman has not made any application for mutation of the land allotted to her husband in Great Nicobar under the Rehabilitation Scheme of Government of India, as is required under Land Revenue Rules in force in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the question of bringing any change in the ownership status of the land in question does not arise. However, as per revenue record, concerned land still stands in the name of the concerned ex-serviceman.

[2148. *Transferred to the* 7th *August*, 1992.]

**विदेश यात्राओं पर किया गया व्यय**

2149. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ सीम अफजल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों की सरकारी विदेश यात्राओं पर सरकार द्वारा कितना व्यय किया गया; और

(ख) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आज तक संसद सदस्यों की सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित विदेश यात्राओं पर कितना व्यय किया गया है ?

**संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. एम. जैकब)** : (क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों की सरकारी विदेश यात्राओं पर 5.26 करोड़ रुपए व्यय हुए।

(ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

**Capacity of Tihar Jail**

2150. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total capacity of the Tihar Jail and the number of inmates who are languishing there as on date; and

(b) the steps Government have taken for Jail reforms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) The number of prisoners in Tihar Jail was 7601 as on 22-7-1992 as against its capacity of 2219.

(b) The steps taken for jail reforms *inter-alia* include :—

(1) The capacity of the Jail is being increased by about 1500 by constructing 2 more jails and adding additional barracks to the existing jails.

(2) Segregation of prisoners on the basis of age, sex, and gravity of offences has been carried out.

(3) The convicts lodged in Tihar Jail are given vocational training in carpentary, moulding, weaving & tailoring etc.

(4) De-addiction Centre has been set up with 15 beds to detoxify drug addicts.

(5) A Committee under Deputy Commissioner, Delhi has been set up to look into the cases of under-trials charged with petty offences who could be released on personal bond.

(6) A Board of Visitors has been constituted by the Administration with 5 non-official members who are authorised to visit the Jail regularly and suggest improvements.

**Revision Notices for assessment of House Tax**

2151. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Municipal Corporation has issued notices for reopening the assessments made towards House Tax payment ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) whether large number of parties have gone to courts on account of this action ;

(d) whether it is a fact that notices have also been issued in cases where construction was completed 20 years back and there is no change in occupancy ; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Preparation of assessment list and amendments thereto is an annual exercise.

(b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that notices for re-opening the assessment of House Tax have been issued in the following category of cases during the last two years :—

(i) Assessment of plots purchased or allotted after 1-4-1988.

(ii) Assessment of properties constructed on or after 1-4-1988 including properties constructed prior to 1-4-1988 but being assessed for the first time.

(iii) Properties re-built/re-erected.

(iv) Properties assessed to tax prior to 1-4-1988 as self-occupied/ vacant and let for the first time after 1-4-1988.

(v) Properties where substantial changes have been done resulting in change in ident.ty and change in user.

(vi) Properties where additions and alteration had been effected.

(vii) Properties where additona floors or additional blocks have been constructed.

(viii) To assess Farm Houses and construction in rural areas being booked for the first time.

(ix) Flats builds by DDA or Groups Housing Societies being assessed for the first time.

(x) Revisions in premises with monthly rents on or after 1-12-1988 of more than Rs. 3500/-.

(xi) Revisions due to change in percentage for calculation of annual rent from 8.25% for residential and 8.625% for non- residential to 10% of cost of land and cost of construction.

(c) Yes, Sir. A few parties have gone to the Court.

(d) and (e) There has been a change in computation of standard rent with the c l a r g e i r p e r c e n t a g e